GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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DTH SERVICE
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan's Direct−to−Home (DTH) service has been further delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to break the monopoly of cable operators in the country by launching DTH service ; and

(d) if so, the cities in which DTH service would be launched and the time by which it is likely to be made functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. It is intended to cover areas which are not covered by Terrestrial Transmission.

(d) Doordarshan's DTH service called DD Direct + was launched on 16th December 2004. This is a free to air service, with 34 channels which can be received with the help of small dish receive units and its signals are available throughout India (except Andman & Nicobar Islands).